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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (DAOUD, MOHAMMAD) AF, US
SUBJECT: VISIT OF PRESIDENT DAOUD TO THE UNITED STATES

1. WHEN I MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ABDULLAH ON FEBRUARY 1, AND AFTER HIS MENTIONING TO ME PRESIDENT DAOUD'S TRAVEL PLANS IN FEBRUARY/MARCH (SEPTTEL), HE MADE A STRONG PLEA THAT PRESIDENT DAOUD'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON PROCEED IN MAY AS THE AFGHANS HAD REQUESTED. HE SAID IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE SHAH WILL VISIT KABUL IN LATE APRIL AND THAT DAOUD WILL THEN HAVE AN EXCELLENT OVERVIEW OF THE PROBLEMS OF THIS AREA STEMMING FROM THAT VISIT AND FROM HIS OWN TRIP WHICH HE WOULD WANT TO SHARE WITH PRESIDENT CARTER. HE SAID THATGN AS I WELL KNEW, THE VISIT WAS IMPORTANT FOR OTHER REASONS, AS WELL. COMMENT: HE WAS, OF COURSE, REFERRING TO THE AFGHAN-SOVIET RELATIONSHIP.

2. I TOLD ABDULLAH THAT I HAD NO DEFINITE INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT YET, BUT THAT I KNEW, AS I HAD TOLD HIM EARLIER, THAT PRESIDENT CARTER IS REVIEWING HIS 1978 SCHEDULE IN VIEW OF THE HEAVY LOAD HE HAS TO CARRY. I STATED THAT IF THE VISIT HAS TO BE POSTPONED, IT WOULD PROBABLY BE PUT OFF UNTIL AFTER OUR NOVEMBER CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS. ABDULLAH ONCE AGAIN URGED THAT IT NOT BE PUT OFF, AND PARTICULARLY NOT FOR AS LONG AS SIX MONTHS.

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